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SUBJ: EEC ASSOCIATION: SUDAN

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. SUDAN URGED BY EEC MEMBERS TO SEEK ASSOCIATION AND REGARDS PROSPECT FAVORABLY PROVIDED ITS OTHER TRADE INTERESTS ARE NOT JEOPARDIZED. SUDANESE PARTICIPATION AT JULY 25-26 MEETING IN BRUSSELS WILL BE AS PART OF "ALL-AFRICA" DELEGATION SEEKING COMMON TERMS, BUT ISSUE OF REVERSE PREFERENCES POSES POTENTIAL THREAT TO SOLIDARITY. UK AND DUTCH REPS ASSERT THEIR SUPPORT SUDAN (AND OTHER AFRICAN) ASSOCIATION WITH EEC IS POLITICAL (ANTI-FRENCH) IN MOTIVATION. END SUMMARY.

2. SUDAN AND THE EEC. GOS WILL SEND DEL TO JULY 25-26 PRE-NEGOTIATION SESSION IN BURSSLS FOLLOWING URGING BY EEC MEMBER EMB REPS KHARTOUM THAT SUDAN ASSOCIATE WITH EEC. UK REP TOLD CHARGE THAT HMG SPONSORING SUDAN (AND ETHIOPIA) IN EFFORT BROADEN AFRICAN ASSOCIATION. DILUTE CURRENT EEC CONCENTRATION ON FRANCOPHONE STATES AND CREATE PRESSURE ON FRANCE TO GIVE ECONOMIC AID TO  
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AFRICAN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN ITS FORMER COLONIES. DUTCH

EMB REP SPECIFIED MOVE IS DESIGNED DECREASE FRENCH INFLUENCE ON EEC MACHINERY. HE ALSO SEES SUDAN BECOMING IMPORTANT SUPPLIER OF MEAT TO EEC COUNTRIES WITHIN 5-10 YEARS. CHARGE NOTED US VIEW THAT EXPANSION REGIONAL TRADING GROUPS SHOULD IN PRINCIPLE BE DEFERRED PENDING EFFORTS ESTABLISH GLOBAL PREFERENCE SYSTEM AND OUTCOME COMPREHENSIVE EEC-US TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. ALSO SPECIFIED OUR STAND AGAINST REVERSE PREFERENCES.

3. GOS INTERST. EMBOFF SUBSEQUENTLY QUERIED MUHAMMED AL-AMIN, MFA DIR ECON DEPT, ON SUDANESE VIEW OF POSSIBLE EEC ASSOCIATION. AL-AMIN RESPONDED BY CITING RECENT AFRICAN AGREEMENT IN LAGOS TO ENTER EEC DISCUSSIONS SPEAKING WITH ONE VOICE. HE STATED ALL EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS WITH EEC (E.G., YAOUNDE CONVENTION AND CERTAIN NORTH AFRICAN AGREEMENTS) WOULD BE "PUT ON SHELF". AFRICAN STATES HAD ALSO AGREED THEY WOULD BE REPRESENTED IN JULY 25-26 BRUSSELS MEETING BY ONE DELEGATION WHICH WOULD SEEK NEGOTIATE TERMS OF ASSOCIATION APPLICABLE ALL AFRICAN STATES. (INDIVIDUAL STATES WOULD BE REPRESENTED IN BRUSSELS, BUT ONLY BY OBSERVERS. SUDAN WILL PROBABLY HAVE FOUR-MAN DELEGATION.)

4. AL-AMIN EXPRESSED SOME SKEPTICISM ON LONGEVITY AFRICAN SOLIDARITY. HE NOTED NUMBER OF STATES BELIEVE CURRENT BILATERAL OR SU-REGIONAL ARRANGMENTS ARE ADVANTAGEOUS. IT IS THUS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER THEY WILL ACCEPT AN EROSION IN FAVOR OF BETTER DEAL FOR FRATERNAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

5. EMBOFF ASKED ABOUT "ALL AFRICAN" POSITION ON REVERSE PREFERENCES. AL-AMIN INDICATED HE CLEARLY AWARE USG CONCERNS THIS MATTER, BUT DID NOT GIVE DIRECT RESPONSE. INSTEAD, HE NOTED GOS WOULD NOT WISH ANY POSITION BE TAKEN WHICH WOULD JEOPARDIZE ITS TRADE RELATIONS WITH THOSE OUTSIDE EEC, E.G., US AND JAPAN. SUDAN INTERESTED IN PREFERENTIAL EEC TREATMENT, BUT DOES NOT WISH TIE ITSELF TO ONLY ONE MARKET. HE MENTIONED HIS RESEARCH INDICATED EGYPT HAD REACHED AGREEMENT WITH EEC WITHOUT GIVING ANY APPARENT CONCESSIONS IN RETURN AND IMPLIED THIS WAS EXAMPLE

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SUDAN WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT NOT ALL AFRICAN STATES HAD SUDAN'S INTEREST IN MAINTAINING TRADE FLEXIBILITY. THUS ISSUE OF REVERSE PREFERENCES COULD BE ONE ON WHICH AFRICAN UNITY MIGHT FOUNDER. FRITTS

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